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REDS' POWER WAVING IN DANISH TRADE UNIONS

A survey of the political make-up of Copenhagen labor unions made by the information Center of the Labor Movement (Arbejderbevaegelsens Informationscentral) shows a decline in Communist influence.

The survey covered 208 trade unions, and members of the Confederation of Danish Trade Unions. The total membership of these unions is 228,136 members, of which 1,615 are union officials.

A breakdown of the survey of union officials gives the following result: 1,358 Social Democratic union officials, of which 170 are chairmen; 165 communist union officials, of which 27 are chairmen; 5 union officials of unknown political affiliations, of which none are chairmen; 87 independent union officials, of which 11 are chairmen; total, 1,615 union officials, of which 208 are chairmen.

Since the last survey on 20 December 1949, the Social Democratic Party has had a net gain of 15 union officials, while the Communists have had a net loss of 23 officials; the independents have had a net gain of eight officials.

The Social Democrats have a majority of officials in 183 trade unions with a total membership of 190,822 members, or 83.6 percent of the total membership of the Confederation of Danish Trade Unions. Of the 208 trade unions, the Social Democrats are in complete control (sole Party) of 119 unions. Only in 12 trade unions (9.6 percent of the membership) do the Communists have a majority in the leadership. They have absolute control in only four unions.

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